## Community Gathers to Celebrate Land Use Plan Moving Forward

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Supervisor Romaine (left) and Councilwoman Kepert (center) gather with community leaders and Bellport residents

**Farmingville, NY -** On March 13, Supervisor Ed Romaine and Councilwoman Connie Kepert gathered in front of Miracle Plaza Shopping Center in North Bellport to celebrate the Bellport Land Use Plan moving forward. The Greater Bellport Sustainable Community Plan was accepted by the Town Board in 2009. The next step in moving forward with a Bellport Land Use Plan is to pass a resolution with a SEQRA positive declaration and initiate an environmental review. Once the environmental review is complete, the plan can be adopted by Town Board resolution and implemented.

Supervisor Romaine said, "The Town is committed to moving forward with this land use plan and I look forward to working with Councilwoman Kepert and the community to see it come to fruition."

"The adoption and implementation of the Land Use Plan will be a major shot in the arm for North Bellport and the surrounding communities," stated Councilwoman Kepert. "The plan is based on input received from community members during the visioning held by Town back in 2007, and I am happy to see this plan that is so essential to the advancement of Bellport progressing."

"We're very excited to see the land use plan come to fruition and the growth opportunities it will bring to the community," stated John Rogers, Greater Bellport Coalition Chair.

Supervisor Romaine and Councilwoman Kepert will be co-sponsoring a resolution at the March 25, 2014 Town Board Meeting to accept the SEQRA positive declaration and move the process forward.

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